GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:49
ANSWERED ON:07.07.2004
LIFE SAVING MEDICINES IN CGHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether good quality medicines particularly the Life Saving Drugs are not available in the CGHS;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to revamp the CGHS;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 FOR 7TH JULY, 2004

Good quality medicines including life saving drugs are made available to CGHS beneficiaries as and when required. For this purpose, a number of medicines are procured from the manufacturers through Government agencies and are kept at the dispensary. In case, any drug prescribed by the Government doctor is not available in the dispensary, it is issued to the beneficiary after procuring the same from the Authorised Local Chemist on the basis of the individual prescription of the beneficiary. In the case of emergency, an authority slip is issued to the beneficiary for collecting the medicine directly from the Authorised Local Chemist.

In view of the above, the question of revamping the CGHS does not arise.